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R 160303Z MAR 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BENC, PN

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: ISTHMIAN RAILROAD AND  
CHORRERA-TOCUMEN EXPRESSWAY

REF: A) STATE 54347, B) PANAMA 1383 C) PANAMA A-84DTD.  
JUNE 4, 1976

1. CHESTER LUCAS, V.P., WELL-KNOWN U.S. ENGINEER  
SVERDRUP AND PARCEL, TENTATIVELY PLANNING VISIT PANAMA  
THURSDAY, MARCH 16 OR FRIDAY, MARCH 17, TO MEET WITH  
COMM. COUNSELOR PANOS AND TO DROP OFF QUALIFICATIONS  
STATEMENT WITH ING. CANO. HOWEVER, PLANS CONTINGENT  
UPON PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS IN BOGOTA AND LUCAS DOES NOT  
YET KNOW DEFINITELY THAT HE WILL BE ABLE STOP IN PANAMA.  
IF VISIT DOES DEVELOP, LUCAS WILL TELEPHONE PANOS FOR  
APPOINTMENT. IF NOT, FIRM WILL MAIL STATEMENT TO  
EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY TO CANO.

2. TO DATE, RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S REPORT ON RAILROAD  
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APPEARS TO BE AS ENTHUSIASTIC AS EXPECTED. IN ADDITION  
TO SVERDRUP & PARCEL, WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES, RALPH M.  
PARSONS/DELEUW CATHER INTERNATIONAL, BERNARD JOHNSON

INC., MORRISON-KNUDSEN INTERNATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL  
ENGINEERING CO, BECHTEL, AND STONE AND WEBSTER HAVE  
NOTIFIED USDOC OF THEIR INTENTION TO CONTACT ING. CANO

EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE EMBASSY. ASSUME THIS  
RESPONSE IS TIP OF ICEBURG.

3. SVERDRUP AND PARCEL ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF  
CHORRERA-TOCUMENT EXPRESSWAY (REFTEL B). WOULD  
APPRECIATE REPORT ON SUBJECT.  
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